Kilometers of dual two lane Expressway, connecting all the major metropolitan cities and urban centres, throughout the country, as reported in "The Hindustan Times" dated 27th July, 1994;

(hi what is the estimated total cost and which foreign companies have so far offered to undertake the project on a Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis;

(c) whether global tenders for selection of constructional vendors were invited; if so, which company was finally selected; and reasons therefor; and

(d) what are the modalities of the expressway proposal and in how many phases the project is likely to be constructed/completed indicating other benefits likely to accrue therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER); (a) to (d) No, Sir. However, a Malaysian Company has recently evinced keen interest in undertaking the construction of 10,000 km of dual 2 lane Expressways on Build, Operate and Transfer basis connecting all the major metropolitan cities and urban centres of our Country as Expressways under Private Sector Participation. It is too early to give more details now as this is in an embryonic stage.

हापा-जम्मू तवी एक्सप्रेस गाड़ी में बहुत कम सीटें उपलब्ध होना

*432. श्रीमती आनन्दीबेन जेठाभाई पटेल: क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हापा-जम्मू तवी एक्सप्रेस में राजकोट, जूनागढ़ और भावनगर से दिल्ली के लिए बहुत कम सीटें उपलब्ध होती हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार इस गाड़ी में एक अतिरिक्त सवारी डिब्बा जोड़ने का विचार रखती है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी. के. जाफर शरीफ): (क) 2477 हापा-जम्मू तवी एक्सप्रेस का राजकोट, जूनागढ़ तथा भावनगर में उपलब्ध आरक्षण कोटा इस प्रकार है:-

स्टेशन का नाम	वातानुकूल 2-टायर	शयनयान जम्मू तक	दर्जा दिल्ली तक
राजकोट	18	117	98
जूनागढ़	—	4	—
भावनगर	5	14	—

(ख) जी नहीं

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता

(घ) गाड़ी में स्थान की अनुपलब्धता

Agreements with China

*433. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:

Will (he Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chinese Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister had visited India recently, if so, what were the issues discussed during their
visit and whether any agreements have been signed with China;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether any
discussion was held on the implementation of last year's agreement on maintenance of peace and tranquility along the Line of Actual Control;
and

(c) if so, the details thereof stating the reaction of the Government on Chinese Vice-Premier visit to India and Indo-China relationship?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) to (c). Chinese Vice Premier and Foreign Minister Mr. Qian Qichen visited India from July 17—19, 1994 at the invitation of the Government of India. During the visit the two sides discussed a wide range of issues, including improvement and consolidation of bilateral relations, implementation of the Border Peace and Tranquillity Agreement signed during the Prime Minister's visit to China in September last year, the internal situation and India-China cooperation in multilateral and other fora.

The two sides reviewed developments in India-China relations since Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's visit to China in December, 1988 and